

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 10th July 2016

Summit Activation on 23 cms

Phil ON4TA, a frequent visitor to Ireland and one of the most prolific Summits On The Air (SOTA) activators of EI summits, is currently in Ireland.

On this visit, he has already activated summits in Wexford, Wicklow, Laois, Armagh, Tyrone and Donegal. During his activation of Trooperstown Hill in Co. Wicklow, Phil had two QSOs on 23 cms, including one across the Irish Sea with a station in Wales; this is the first recorded 23 cms SOTA activation in EI.

During the coming week, Phil is planning to be QRV on VHF from Arranmore Island, which includes the relatively rare IO55 square.

EI/MI Amateur Repeater and Gateway Interactive Map

Brian EI8EJB has kindly created a very useful online map directory of Amateur Radio Repeaters and Gateways operating in Ireland which includes frequency and tone information. The map can be accessed via the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society Website at ei7dar.com/ei8ejb.html

ANDORRA RETURNS TO 60m, GAINS NEW 4m BAND, MORE POWER ON 6m

In an Andorran government resolution dated 16th June 2016, Andorran Amateurs received news of two new bands plus an increase in power in an existing one, following requests from its national society, URA.

60m/5 MHz

Andorra returns to 60m/5 MHz, but this time under the new WRC15 allocation of 5351.5 – 5366.5 kHz with a maximum power of 15W e.i.r.p. CW and USB is permitted, with a maximum bandwidth of 5 kHz. 4m

A new 4m allocation of 70.0 – 70.2 MHz has been granted on a non-interference basis with a maximum power of 10W. All modes are permitted and users must abide by the IARU Region One 4m/70 MHz Bandplan.

6m

A power increase has been granted up to a maximum of 600W

DX News

The husband and wife team of Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be active as 8P6MM and 8P6NN from 12th to 15th July. This is a holiday style operation from Barbados using 100w to a Buddipole antenna system. QSLs may be requested from their home address or via Club Log OQRS.

There will be some extra activity from Mongolia by Russian operators during the coming weeks. The calls to look for are JT5FW (11th to 19th July) and JT0YPS, JT0YTX and JT0YGC (19th to 24th July).

Martinez HK3Y will sign 5J0Y from San Andres Island from 18th to 23rd July. This one counts as NA-033 for the Islands on the Air Award.

Braam 3DA0AY has been active recently from Piggs Peak, Swaziland. It is expected he will remain there until 25th July. QSLs go via his home call ZS6AYE.

Avondhu Radio Club

Avondhu Radio Club would like to congratulate Joe Cherry EI7HIB, John Cuthbert EI7HMB and Dawid Zielinski EI7HFB on successfully passing the exam recently in Waterford.

Joe EI7HIB and John EI7HMB recently attended VHF/UHF field day with EI1E. John make his first QSO on 6m. We wish them all the best and many years of enjoyment.

Radio News Service

This is a reminder to Club secretaries to submit news to newsteam /at/ irts.ie, on a regular basis for inclusion in the weekly radio news bulletins. Please make a special effort to submit items of interest.

TM160NT: Nikola Tesla 160th birthday

Nikola Tesla (1856-1943) invented most of the 20th century technology, including alternating current, radio, radar, television, electric motor and electric car. The Union of Radio clubs and Radio Amateurs, F8URC, will be on air all weekends of July and August 2016 with this special callsign devoted to him: TM160NT. QSL via F6KRK.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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